Involvement of Social Activists in rural health care

1708. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to involve Accredited Social Activists in rural health care; and

(b) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to provide and Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) in each village as a trained health worker under National Rural Health Mission. Under this Mission, it is proposed to turn out four lakh such Health Workers in the next four years. ASHA would be permitted to practice and realize fees for services provided like any social entrepreneurs. ASHA would preferably be a lady educationally qualified up to class X. The Village Health Team would be involved in selection of ASHA.

CGHS recognised Delhi Heart and Lungs Institute

1709. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Heart and Lungs Institute, which is a super speciality hospital for cardiac diseases is recognised by the CGHS for extending treatment facilities to CGHS beneficiaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government would consider the question of including this hospital for providing specialised treatment in cardiac disease to CGHS beneficiaries and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c) Tenders were invited in the year 2000 for recognition of private hospitals/diagnostic centres under CGHS Delhi against which the Delhi

Heart and Lung Institute did not apply and therefore, the said hospital could not be considered for recognition under CGHS Delhi.

(d) The CGHS had during March-April, 2004, invited tenders or fresh recognition of private hospitals/diagnostic centres under CGHS Delhi against which this hospital has also applied among others. The eligible applicant hospitals/diagnostic centres satisfying the criteria laid down in the tenders would be entitled for consideration on merit for recognition under CGHS.

As the process of recognition under CGHS is a time consuming one which involves inspection of the applicant hospitals and thereafter obtaining necessary administrative and financial approval, etc., no specific timeframe can be laid down at present for coming out with the fresh list of private hospitals recognised under CGHS Delhi.

Embezzlement of funds at AIIMS

1710. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a few senior doctors of All India Institute of Medical Sciences are involved in the embezzlement of funds and the CBI is making investigation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that CBI had asked permission from the AIIMS to file chargesheet against the officers concerned and if so, the details thereof and whether the AIIMS has not given the required permission and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A surprise check in the HLA Department/laboratory of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi was conducted by the Central Bureau of Investigation, Anti Corruption Branch, New Delhi on 3.1.2002 and a regular case has been registered by the CBI. The CBI has requested the institute for grant of sanction for prosecution in respect of Dr. N.K. Mehra, Head of the Deptt. of Transplant Immunology and Immunogenetics, AIIMS for the misconduct and misappropriating the various clinical test fees collected